

INFORMATION FOR ECP PROVISIONAL SELECTEES/ALTERNATES

1. Introduction. Congratulations! You have been provisionally chosen as selectee or alternate for the FY01 Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP). The information contained on these pages is provided so that you might more fully understand the opportunity available to you through the ECP, and to inform you of the events which will transpire in the coming months. Your selection will remain provisional until at least four conditions are met. Each selectee/alternate must:

(1) Be certified as physically qualified by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) for Basic ECP or Naval Operational Medicine Institute (NOMI) for Aviation Option ECP.

(2) Apply and be accepted at an approved NROTC college/university or approved cross-town college/university (see paragraph 6). **NROTC unit must verify admission to CNET ECP office.**

(3) Submit an **official** degree plan from the above college/university that indicates that member can graduate by 31st birthday and what previously earned credit will be accepted into member's desired degree program. A sample degree plan is included in this package as Addendum I (Note that a minimum of 30 credits must be accepted). Prior to commissioning, each selectees will be required to complete eight Naval science courses. Four of which will be taken at the Naval Science Institute and the other four of which must be taken at the assigned NROTC unit (one each semester excluding summer terms). Ensure these are included in degree plan.

(4) Submit HIV test results dated after 1 July 2000.

2. Purpose of the ECP. The purpose of the ECP is to prepare you for a commission as an unrestricted line officer. You were selected or chosen as alternate for this program because of your high academic potential to successfully complete an undergraduate program in a discipline which has direct application to the unrestricted line, and because of your demonstrated potential to serve as a naval officer.

3. Items Requiring Your Immediate Attention

a. You are to contact the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET)(OTE6/ECP) immediately by mail, FAX DSN 922-2486 or commercial (850) 452-2486 or e-mail ecp@cnet.navy.mil if any of the following has changed or may change within next 5 months. **This information will not be accepted by phone.**

(1) Your duty station. Provide new complete mailing address and date of change (See paragraph 6 of OPNAVNOTE

1530.)

(2) Your telephone number. Provide commercial and DSN work phone number and home phone number.

(3) Your physical status.

(4) ECP eligibility.

4. Physical Examination. You must meet the physical standards for an officer in the unrestricted line. The physical examination that you submitted with your ECP application has been forwarded to the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) (or the Naval Operational Medical Institute (NOMI) for Aviation Option ECP) for certification. Do not retake a physical examination. BUMED will notify CNET that you are either "qualified," "waiverable," "disqualified," or "pending" (pending requires additional information). If you receive notification that your physical status is "pending," you and your command must take immediate action to furnish the requested information/documents. Keep in mind that your transfer orders cannot be requested from NAVPERSCOM until this headquarters receives the "qualified" or "waiverable" stamp on your physical. Further, no orders will be issued unless you have forwarded to CNET (OTE6/ECP) an HIV test result dated after 1 July 2000. (See OPNAVNOTE 1530, paragraph 4b(h)) Check your health record to see if you require this. DO NOT CALL CNET TO ASK WHETHER IT'S ON YOUR PHYSICAL EXAM.

5. Area of Study. You are expected to complete baccalaureate degree requirements in a discipline which has direct application to the unrestricted line, within a maximum period of 30 calendar months for non-technical majors or 36 calendar months for technical majors, or prior to your 31st birthday, whichever is earlier. Preferred academic majors are listed below:

TECHNICAL MAJORS

Engineering

Aerospace
Chemical
Computer
Electrical
Engineering Science
Engineering Physics
Materials
Mechanical
Nuclear

Math/Science

Mathematics
Applied Mathematics
Computer Science
Chemistry
Meteorology
Oceanography
Physics
Physical Science

NONTECHNICAL MAJORS

Business Administration

Economics
English/Language
History
Management
Political Science
Public Administration
Sociology

6. ECP Colleges and Universities. Assignments will be made by CNET based on several factors but primarily will be based on the information that you provide in conditions (2) and (3) of paragraph one. Note that your preferred college and degree choices may need to be modified in order to meet those conditions (i.e.: you may not get accepted at your number one choice of school, different schools accept different credit, especially non-traditional credit, so you may have to attend a different school in order to have 30 previously earned credits applied to your degree or to finish prior to your 31st birthday.) Now is the time to ensure you are making the right decisions regarding degree and school choices. Changes in degree and/or college choices from what you originally submitted in your application package are authorized and do not require prior approval. Changes after assignments have been made by CNET (based on degree program and college acceptance information received) will require a written request for approval.

a. You must keep the 30/36 month time limit in mind. There is a difference between the number of credits the Admissions Office will accept in transfer, and the number of credits that will transfer to your particular degree program. Many ECP officer candidates make that unfortunate discovery too late, particularly those desiring an Engineering degree. (Note: One ECP officer candidate was told by Admissions they would accept 90 credits in transfer, but after reporting found that the School of Engineering would accept only 27 toward an Engineering degree. He was forced by the time limitations to switch to a degree program that would accept more credits.) Advise CNET immediately if you have a problem in this area.

b. If your 31st birthday occurs prior to the 30/36 month-time limit, despite prior planning, your time in ECP ends and you will be returned to the fleet to serve the time remaining on your enlistment contract. Waivers will not be considered.

c. It must be understood that ECP officer candidates are not authorized to transfer between universities and colleges.

7. Your Orders. Your orders will be issued only after the conditions listed in paragraph one are met. You should anticipate orders by April directing your detachment and transfer in May 2001 to the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport to report Sunday, 3 June 2001 for approximately 7 weeks TEMDUINS. Graduation is Wednesday, 18 July. At

Newport you will be attending the Naval Science Institute (NSI) where you will receive your freshman and sophomore naval science courses. You will be required to complete junior and senior naval science courses on campus as electives. ECP selectees are commissioned at the NROTC unit vice through OCS.

Accordingly, other commissioning requirements must be completed on-campus also. Your Professor of Naval Science will brief you on this when you report to your NROTC unit.

8. Physical Fitness. While at Newport and your NROTC unit, you will be required to complete a rigorous physical fitness program. You must start "getting in shape" now. Upon reporting to NSI, you must be able to exceed the minimum PRT standards. THIS IS IMPORTANT - START NOW!

9. Your Service Record. Make sure your service record is complete and up to date prior to your transfer. Check such items as evaluations as well as entries for completion of correspondence courses and requirements for advancement, etc. As an ECP officer candidate, you will be eligible to participate in examinations for advancement in accordance with established procedures. Eligibility for longevity increases in pay still applies, as you do retain active duty status.

10. Obligated Service. Before you are detached from your present command under orders to report to NSI, you must sign a six-year active service obligation. PCS orders will require obligated service to May 2007 prior to detaching your present duty station. You can do this by either extending or reenlisting, as necessary. DO NOT reenlist/extend prior to having PCS orders in hand. MILPERSMAN Article 1020355 authorizes ECP selectees to reenlist more than a year early in certain circumstances to meet this requirement. See paragraph 18 for information regarding Selective Reenlistment Bonuses (SRB). Upon commissioning, you are obligated to serve a minimum of 4 years active commissioned service dependent upon designator. Direct accession from EEAP will require a six-year active commissioned service obligation.

NOTE: If you drop from the program, either at NSI or at the university, you will be made available for general reassignment for your remaining obligated enlisted service.

11. Student Information Brochures. Student Information Brochures are published by all NROTC units that have ECP personnel assigned. The brochures contain instructions on reporting aboard, information on housing, available facilities, and other information you will need to know to assist you in the transition to the academic and civilian community. When accepted by a college or university, the commanding officer of the NROTC unit will send you a personal copy of their brochure, and assign a sponsor to assist you.

12. Reporting to the University or College. You should plan to report to your NROTC unit as soon as possible after the completion of NSI in order to get settled before class registration and enrollment begins. When school starts, the only thing on your mind should be your classes.

13. If You Are Married. You will need the wholehearted consideration and cooperation of both your spouse and family to derive full benefit from the ECP. If you have not talked to your spouse about the ECP, and the new way of life that it will mean for you and your family, it is suggested you do so right away. Your family should understand that the program will require long hours of classroom attendance and study. You will be a full-time student with an exact deadline for completing your studies.

14. Finances. As an ECP Officer Candidate, you will continue to draw full pay and allowances, including BAH and BAS, for your current pay grade. Proficiency pay, flight pay, and submarine pay (even if submarine-qualified) ceases upon your transfer from your present command. You will be required to pay your tuition, academic fees, and incidental expenses as well as room, board, and personal expenses. (See Addendum II at end of this package for information on financial assistance available to ECP officer candidates). You will be well advised to have at least \$2,000.00 when you arrive on the campus. Pay delays are common, both at NSI and NROTC; therefore, you are strongly urged to take advantage of the Direct Deposit System. You will probably find that living expenses are somewhat greater around the university than those in the vicinity of most military installations. You will be able to survive economically if you exercise prudence and good judgment in your budget. DON'T accumulate debts.

15. Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). Entitlement to SRB is suspended upon application to any commissioning program, including ECP. If you reenlisted for SRB after applying for ECP, you can expect to be required to repay the unearned portion of your SRB. Entitlement to additional unpaid bonus will be reinstated and paid pro-rata if dropped from the program and returned to the same bonus skill. OPNAVINST 1160.6 series is the governing instruction for SRB.

16. Military Status. Upon reporting to NSI, you will be in an officer candidate status and will be referred to as an ECP Officer Candidate. Your privileges and status as an officer candidate will be the same as NROTC or Naval Academy midshipmen and officer candidates at OCS.

17. Length of Instruction. CNET Publication P1533/3, "NROTC ADMINISTRATION MANUAL (NAM)," prescribes a maximum of 30 months for non-technical majors or 36 months for technical majors for

you to complete the requirements for a Bachelor's degree. This maximum period of study includes summer school sessions. There are no provisions for extending this period. You must plan your program accordingly.

18. Your Commanding Officer. Your commanding officer will be the "Professor of Naval Science" at the university. As such, he/she may require you to perform various military duties on a not-to-interfere basis with your academic responsibilities. Such duties will be identical to those that might be required of NROTC midshipmen, and are intended to increase your understanding and preparation to assume commissioned status.

19. Uniforms. ECP Officer Candidates are authorized to wear officer candidate uniforms which will be issued to you at the NSI Newport. Your commanding officer will prescribe uniform items required at the NROTC unit and will prescribe periods in which uniforms will be worn. Normally, uniforms are worn on campus one day per week; appropriate civilian clothing is usually authorized on other days.

20. Medical Care. The ECP officer candidate Information Brochure that will be provided by the NROTC unit to which you are assigned will supply basic information on medical facilities in the vicinity of the university. Many of the universities are not located in the proximity of military installations where you or your dependents might receive outpatient care. While at your present duty station, review the rules and regulations concerning medical benefits; be sure you understand reimbursement provisions for civilian medical care of your dependents. It would be wise to set aside a bit of your budget at the university for medical expenses. Additionally, ensure that all your dental work is accomplished prior to your departure from your present duty station.

21. Outside Employment. Off-duty employment is discouraged while you are at the university and may be prohibited on the basis of your academic performance.

22. A Thought. The average GPA of all ECP officer candidates currently enrolled is 3.2! Over 72% of the current ECP Officer Candidates are on honor rolls.

DEGREE PLAN

Sample

Student Name: _____

SSN: _____

College/University: _____

Degree Major: _____

Estimated Graduation Date: _____

Suggested arrangement of courses to satisfy degree requirements

Semester: Fall	Year: 2001
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
Naval Science 301	
	Total Hours:

Semester: Spring	Year: 2002
Course Title or #	#of Credit Hours
Naval Science 302	
	Total Hours:

Semester: Summer	Year: 2002
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
	Total Hours:

Academic Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DEGREE PLAN CONTINUED

Sample

Student Name: _____

SSN: _____

College/University: _____

Degree Major: _____

Suggested arrangement of courses to satisfy degree requirements:

Semester: Fall	Year: 2002
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
Naval Science 401	
	Total Hours:

Semester: Spring	Year: 2003
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
Naval Science 402	
	Total Hours:

Semester: Summer	Year: 2003
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
	Total Hours:

Academic Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Addendum

DEGREE PLAN CONTINUED

Sample

Student Name: _____

SSN: _____

College/University: _____

Degree Major: _____

Suggested arrangement of courses to satisfy degree requirements:

Semester: Fall	Year: 2003
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
	Total Hours:

Semester: Spring	Year: 2004
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
	Total Hours:

Semester: Summer	Year: 2004
Course Title or #	# of Credit Hours
	Total Hours:

Academic Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Addendum

DEGREE PLAN CONTINUED
Sample

Sample

Student Name: _____

SSN: _____

College/University:_____

Degree Major: _____

[illegible]

Total previously earned credit that can be applied to chosen major:	Total Hours:
Total credits STILL required to earn degree:	Total Hours:

Academic Counselor's Signature:_____ Date:_____

USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

Addendum

NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY
GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS FOR FLEET-INPUT STUDENTS

"Guaranteed Student Loans" (GSL) are low-interest federally subsidized bank loans for post-secondary education (college, professional and vocational). Students who qualify for the loan are eligible for up to \$2,500 per year (\$12,500 total) for under-graduate work. To qualify for this loan, the student must satisfy a "needs test" administered by his/her school's financial aid officer.

The Navy Relief Society sponsors Guaranteed Student Loans for Navy and Marine "fleet-input" students enrolled in college training programs such as NROTC, ECP, MECEP, etc.

During the school year, the Society sponsored loans for about 400 "fleet-input" students. In some cases, delays in receipt of the loan made applicants unable to meet housing and other costs when due. When this occurs, the Society entertains requests for emergency loans that are to be repaid when the GSL is received. One hundred of these "emergency" loans were issued during the school year.

Congress now requires that the loan recipient pay an "origination fee" of 5% to the lender; this fee reduces the interest subsidy that the Government pays to the lender. The Society reimburses fleet-input students for the amount of this fee (which is \$125 on a \$2,500 loan) when requested to do so by the student, and the request is favorably endorsed by the PNS/MOI. Twenty-five students requested (and received) this reimbursement during the last school year.

Additional information concerning the Society's "fleet-input" loan program can be obtained by calling (703) 696-4904 or DSN 426-4904.

SCHOLARSHIPS/AID

There is a great variety of scholarships, grants, loans, etc., available and there are no restrictions on applying (except ROTC scholarships or Navy tuition aid, for which ECP officer candidates are ineligible). Normally, eligibility is based on need. Applications and information are available through your NROTC unit. Contact them now. Federal Student Financial Aid programs can be accessed at:
www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/students and
<http://www.ed.gov/directloan>.

GI BILL/VEAP

ECP officer candidates can use VEAP, In-Service GI Bill educational benefits, or Navy College Fund, if eligible. Questions regarding use of these benefits should be directed to the Navy Education Office at 1-800-962-1425. BUPERSINST

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1780.1 delineates eligibility requirements for MGIB educational benefits.